

REMARKS

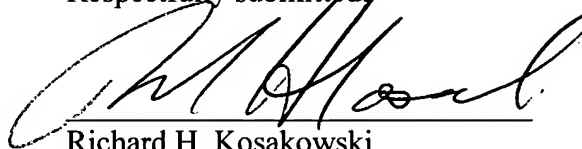
The specification has been amended. Claims 1-4 and 6-7 have been amended and claims 8-20 have been added. Claims 1-20 remain for consideration. No new matter has been added.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Priority document DE 102 16 446.9 is also enclosed.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Kosakowski', is written over a horizontal line.

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